

attached to the cartridge accommodating portion, and wherein each contact is located offset from the middle of the associated ink cartridge in an aligning direction of the ink cartridges,

*B' and* wherein said contact of each ink cartridge is contained on a side surface of the ink cartridge, and

wherein the side surface of the ink cartridge is substantially parallel to an insertion direction in which said ink cartridge is inserted into said cartridge accommodating portion.

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20. (Amended) An inkjet printer, comprising:

a cartridge accommodating portion;

*B* a plurality of connecting members, which are formed in the cartridge accommodating portion;

a plurality of ink cartridges, wherein the ink cartridges are detachably attached to the cartridge accommodating portion as aligned in parallel; and

a contact, which is formed on each ink cartridge, wherein each contact contacts one of the connecting members when the associated ink cartridge is attached to the cartridge accommodating portion, and each contact is located offset from the middle of the associated ink cartridge in an aligning direction of the ink cartridges,

wherein said one of said connecting members formed in the cartridge accommodating portion is contained on a side surface of the cartridge accommodating portion, and

*B3 added*  
wherein the side surface of the cartridge accommodating portion is substantially parallel to an insertion direction in which said ink cartridge is inserted into said cartridge accommodating portion.

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**Please add the following new claims:**

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--37. (New) An ink cartridge for an inkjet printer, wherein the ink cartridge is one of ink cartridges that are detachably attached to a cartridge accommodating portion of the inkjet printer as aligned in parallel, wherein each ink cartridge includes a contact that contacts one of connecting members formed in the cartridge accommodating portion when the ink cartridge is attached to the cartridge accommodating portion, and wherein each contact is located offset from the middle of the associated ink cartridge in an aligning direction of the ink cartridges,

wherein said contact of each ink cartridge is contained on a side surface of the ink cartridge, and

wherein the side surface of the ink cartridge is substantially parallel to the aligning direction of the ink cartridges.

38. (New) An inkjet printer, comprising:

a cartridge accommodating portion;

a plurality of connecting members, which are formed in the cartridge accommodating portion;

a plurality of ink cartridges, wherein the ink cartridges are detachably attached to the cartridge accommodating portion as aligned in parallel; and

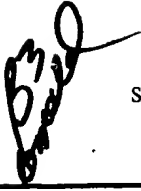
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a contact, which is formed on each ink cartridge, wherein each contact contacts one of the connecting members when the associated ink cartridge is attached to the cartridge accommodating portion, and each contact is located offset from the middle of the associated ink cartridge in an aligning direction of the ink cartridges,

wherein said one of said connecting members formed in the cartridge accommodating portion is contained on a side surface of the cartridge accommodating portion, and

wherein the side surface of the cartridge accommodating portion is substantially parallel to the aligning direction of the ink cartridges.

39. (New) An ink cartridge for an inkjet printer, wherein the ink cartridge is one of ink cartridges that are detachably attached to a cartridge accommodating portion of the inkjet printer as aligned in parallel, wherein each ink cartridge includes a contact that contacts one of connecting members formed in the cartridge accommodating portion when the ink cartridge is attached to the cartridge accommodating portion, and wherein each contact is located offset from the middle of the associated ink cartridge in an aligning direction of the ink cartridges,

wherein both of the contacts of a first pair of adjacent ink cartridges contact a first one of the connecting members.



40. (New) The ink cartridge according to claim 39, wherein both of the contacts of a second pair of adjacent ink cartridges do not contact the first one of the connecting members.--

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